

SENATE RESOLUTION 33
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A RESOLUTION To honor and commend Walter Brooks for his contributions to the St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pay tribute to those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can be proud; and

WHEREAS, Walter Brooks is most assuredly one such individual who is clearly deserving of this body's commendation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brooks has skillfully and faithfully served the St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church for sixty-five years; and

WHEREAS, He was born March 22, 1914 to Thomas E. and Mamie Alexander Brooks; when Walter was two- and a- half years old his mother passed away and he went to live with his grandparents, Jennie and Berry Alexander, in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, A very religious woman, Mrs. Alexander raised Walter Brooks to be the exceptional man he is today; in his youth, he attended Booker T. Washington High School; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Brooks professed a hope in Christ at the Mount Vernon Baptist Church September 22, 1931; and

WHEREAS, In 1939, he was fortunate to marry Inez Owens and, together, on the foundation of love and faith they built a remarkable family; their daughter Barbara Brooks and her husband the late Mose Walker blessed the Brooks with three grandsons, the late Barry Walker, Toney Walker, and Jeffery Walker; and nine great-grandchildren, who increased the joy of their lives with great-great-grandchildren; Inez Brooks was able to see her family grow to five generations before she passed away; and

WHEREAS, A faithful and devout member of the St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church, Walter Brooks was made a Trustee in 1936, crowned a Deacon in 1938, elected as Chairman of the Deacon Board in 1958, and chosen to serve as Church Clerk in 1942; for fifty-eight years he has diligently reported the proceedings of the church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brooks is the only remaining charter member of the St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church, and, in sixty-four years he has missed only two Sundays; and

WHEREAS, He is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, Walter Brooks is an inspiration to his family, church, and his community; his life of service and goodwill stands as a testament of his faith in God; and

WHEREAS, This legislative body finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge Mr. Brooks for his integrity, dedication, and service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor Walter Brooks, commend him for his meritorious service to the St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church, his steadfast commitment to church and family, and extend to him our heartfelt best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.